

IN THE CLAIMS

COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS, WITH MARKINGS AND STATUS IDENTIFIERS
 (Currently amended claims showing deletions by ~~striketrough~~ and additions by underlining)

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1-3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) A method for ~~preventing and/or~~ treating Hepatitis C virus infection and/or diseases associated with HCV infection in an individual comprising the step of administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of an agent which activates ~~at least partially~~ the activity of said human cellular protein gastrointestinal glutathione peroxidase or which activates or stimulates ~~at least partially~~ the production of said human cellular protein gastrointestinal glutathione peroxidase, wherein said agent is a combination of (i) selenium, or a selenium salt, and (ii) a retinoid selected from the group of: 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of 9-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 9-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 9-cis retinoic acid, 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of 13-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 13-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 13-cis retinoic acid, retinol, retinoic acid adlehyde, etretinate, N-(4-hydroxyphenyl) retinamide (4-HPR), 6-[3-(1-adamantyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl]-2-naphthalene carboxylic acid (CD437; AHPN), all-trans-retinoic acid, C1 - C10 esters and amides of all-trans-retinoic acid, paraquat, 4-[E-2-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl)-1-propenyl]benzoic acid, 4-hydroxyphenylretinamide, and 4-[(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl)carboxamido]benzoic acid.

5. (currently amended) A method for ~~preventing and/or~~ treating Hepatitis C virus infection in cells, cell cultures, or cell lysates comprising the step of administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of an agent which activates ~~at least partially~~ the activity of said human cellular protein

gastrointestinal glutathione peroxidase or which activates or stimulates ~~at least partially~~ the production of said human cellular protein gastrointestinal glutathione peroxidase, wherein said agent is a combination of (i) selenium, or a selenium salt, and (ii) a retinoid selected from the group of: 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of 9-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 9-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 9-cis retinoic acid, 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of 13-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 13-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 13-cis retinoic acid, retinol, retinoic acid adlehyde, etretinate, N-(4-hydroxyphenyl) retinamide (4-HPR), 6-[3-(1-adamantyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl]-2-naphthalene carboxylic acid (CD437; AHPN), all-trans-retinoic acid, C1 - C10 esters and amides of all-trans-retinoic acid, paraquat, 4-[E-2-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl)-1-propenyl]benzoic acid, 4-hydroxyphenylretinamide, and 4-[(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl)carboxamido]benzoic acid.

6. (currently amended) A method for regulating the production of Hepatitis C virus in an individual comprising the step of administering to an individual a pharmaceutically effective amount of an agent wherein said agent activates ~~at least partially~~ the activity of said human cellular protein gastrointestinal glutathione peroxidase or wherein said agent ~~at least partially~~ activates or stimulates the production of said human cellular protein gastrointestinal glutathione peroxidase, and wherein said agent is a combination of (i) selenium, or a selenium salt, and (ii) a retinoid selected from the group of: 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of 9-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 9-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 9-cis retinoic acid, 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of 13-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 13-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 13-cis retinoic acid, retinol, retinoic acid adlehyde, etretinate, N-(4-hydroxyphenyl) retinamide (4-HPR), 6-[3-(1-adamantyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl]-2-naphthalene carboxylic acid (CD437; AHPN), all-trans-retinoic acid, C1 - C10 esters and amides of all-trans-retinoic acid, paraquat, 4-[E-2-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl)-1-propenyl]benzoic acid, 4-hydroxyphenylretinamide, and 4-[(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl)carboxamido]benzoic acid.

7. (currently amended) A method for regulating the production of Hepatitis C virus in cells, cell culture, or cell lysates comprising the step of administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of an agent wherein said agent activates ~~at least partially~~ the activity of said human cellular protein gastrointestinal glutathione peroxidase or wherein said agent ~~at least partially~~ activates or stimulates the production of said human cellular protein gastrointestinal glutathione peroxidase in the cells or cell culture, and wherein said agent is a combination of (i) selenium, or a selenium salt, and (ii) a retinoid selected from the group of: 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of 9-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 9-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 9-cis retinoic acid, 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of 13-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 13-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 13-cis retinoic acid, retinol, retinoic acid adlehyde, etretinate, N-(4-hydroxyphenyl) retinamide (4-HPR), 6-[3-(1-adamantyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl]-2-naphthalene carboxylic acid (CD437; AHPN), all-trans-retinoic acid, C1 - C10 esters and amides of all-trans-retinoic acid, paraquat, 4-[E-2-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl)-1-propenyl]benzoic acid, 4-hydroxyphenylretinamide, and 4-[(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl)carboxamido]benzoic acid.

8. (currently amended) A method for regulating the expression of the human cellular protein gastrointestinal glutathione peroxidase in an individual comprising the step of administering to the individual a pharmaceutically effective amount of an agent wherein said agent activates ~~at least partially~~ the transcription of DNA and/or the translation of RNA encoding said human cellular protein gastrointestinal glutathione peroxidase, and wherein said agent is a combination of (i) selenium, or a selenium salt, and (ii) a retinoid selected from the group of: 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of 9-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 9-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 9-cis retinoic acid, 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of 13-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 13-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 13-cis retinoic acid, retinol, retinoic acid adlehyde, etretinate, N-(4-hydroxyphenyl) retinamide (4-HPR), 6-[3-(1-adamantyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl]-2-naphthalene carboxylic acid (CD437; AHPN), all-trans-retinoic acid, C1 -

C10 esters and amides of all-trans-retinoic acid, paraquat, 4-[E-2-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl)-1-propenyl]benzoic acid, 4-hydroxyphenylretinamide, and 4-[(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl)carboxamido]benzoic acid.

9. (currently amended) A method for regulating the expression of the human cellular protein gastrointestinal glutathione peroxidase in cells or cell culture comprising the step of administering to the cells or cell culture a pharmaceutically effective amount of an agent wherein said agent activates ~~at least partially~~ the transcription of DNA and/or the translation of RNA encoding said human cellular protein gastrointestinal glutathione peroxidase, and wherein said agent is a combination of (i) selenium, or a selenium salt, and (ii) a retinoid selected from the group of: 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of 9-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 9-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 9-cis retinoic acid, 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of 13-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 13-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 13-cis retinoic acid, retinol, retinoic acid adlehyde, etretinate, N-(4-hydroxyphenyl) retinamide (4-HPR), 6-[3-(1-adamantyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl]-2-naphthalene carboxylic acid (CD437; AHPN), all-trans-retinoic acid, C1 - C10 esters and amides of all-trans-retinoic acid, paraquat, 4-[E-2-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl)-1-propenyl]benzoic acid, 4-hydroxyphenylretinamide, and 4-[(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl)carboxamido]benzoic acid.

10. (currently amended) A method for ~~preventing and/or~~ treating Hepatitis C virus infection and/or diseases associated with HCV infection in an individual who fails to respond to interferon therapy, said method comprising the step of administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of an agent which activates ~~at least partially~~ the activity of said human cellular protein gastrointestinal glutathione peroxidase or which activates or stimulates ~~at least partially~~ the production of said human cellular protein gastrointestinal glutathione peroxidase, wherein said agent is a combination of (i) selenium, or a selenium salt, and (ii) a retinoid selected from the group of: 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of 9-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 9-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 9-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 9-cis retinoic acid, 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of 13-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl esters of 13-cis retinoic acid, C1 - C10

alkyl amides of 13-cis retinoic acid, salts of C1 - C10 alkyl amides of 13-cis retinoic acid, retinol, retinoic acid adlehyde, etretinate, N-(4-hydroxyphenyl) retinamide (4-HPR), 6-[3-(1-adamantyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl]-2-naphthalene carboxylic acid (CD437; AHPN), all-trans-retinoic acid, C1 - C10 esters and amides of all-trans-retinoic acid, paraquat, 4-[E-2-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl)-1-propenyl]benzoic acid, 4-hydroxyphenylretinamide, and 4-[(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl)carboxamido]benzoic acid.

11. (cancelled)
12. (currently amended) The method according to any one of Claims 4-10, Claim 11, wherein said combination ~~comprises~~ includes (i) a selenium salt and (ii) all-trans-retinoic acid, 9-cis retinoic acid, or 13-cis retinoic acid.
13. (currently amended) The method according to any one of Claims 4-10 Claim 11, wherein said combination further includes alpha interferon or pegylated alpha interferon.
14. (currently amended) The method according to any one of Claims 4-10 Claim 11, wherein said combination further includes ribavirin.
- 15-35. (cancelled)
36. (new) The method according to Claim 12, wherein said combination further includes alpha interferon or pegylated interferon.
37. (new) The method according to Claim 12, wherein said combination further includes ribavirin.
38. (new) The method according to Claim 13, wherein said combination further includes ribavirin.
39. (new) The method according to Claim 36, wherein said combination further includes ribavirin.